



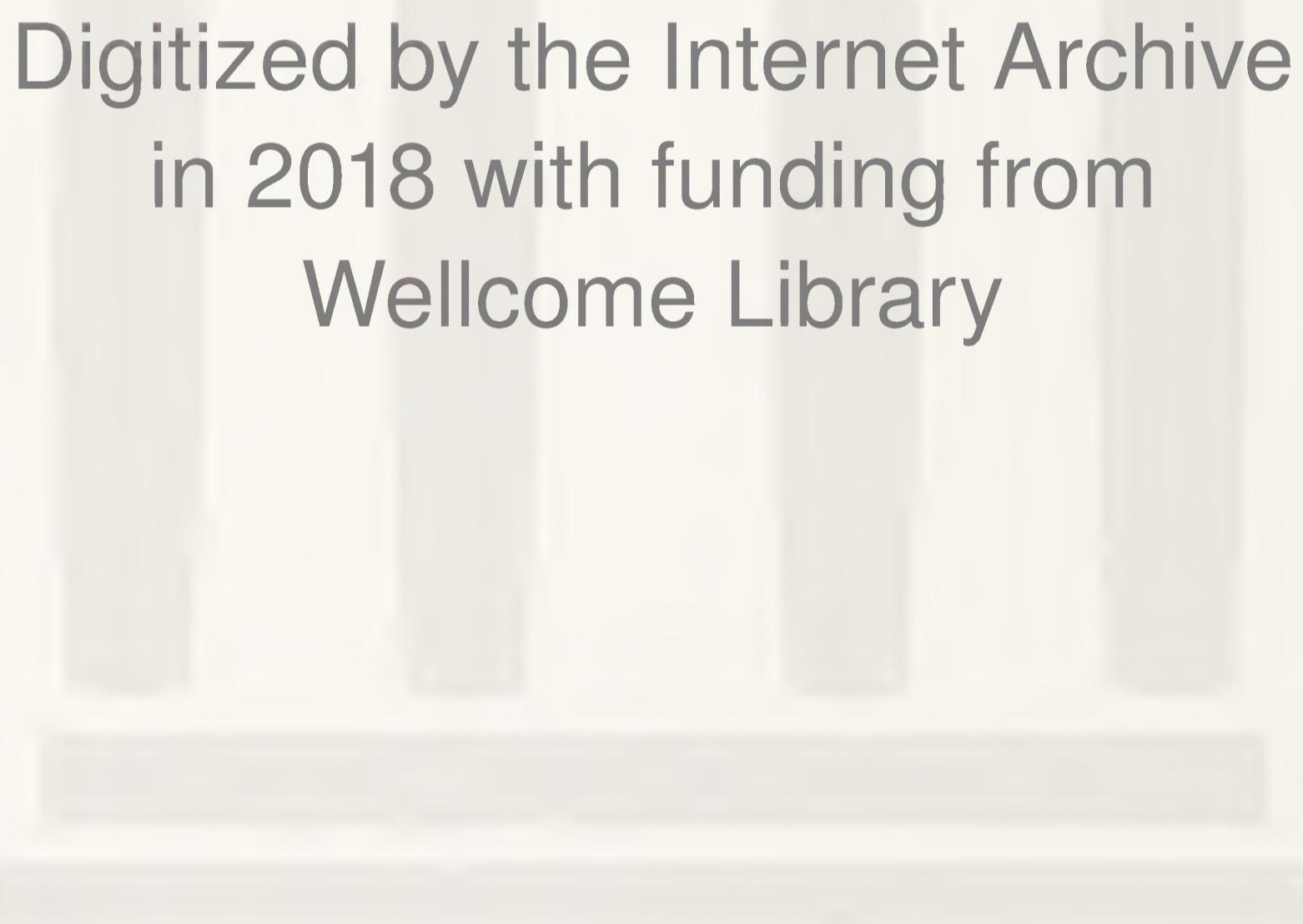
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SKELTON AND BROTTON
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T
for the Year 1963

of the Medical Officer of Health

T. M. B. ROHAN,
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS
OF THE
SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1963, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

During the year measles accounted for the great majority of the infectious diseases notified in the Urban District.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally, I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss D. E. Fox, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1964.

TABLE 1**Public Health Officers**

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M.	B. Rohan	
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area.

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Mrs. M. E. Horsey	District Nurse/Midwife (resigned 31/8/63)
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. B. Pearson	District Nurse/Midwife (commenced duty 3/9/63)
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk/Typist

Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1963 is 13,290 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1962 of 13,270.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures:—

1. Area of the District in acres	....	....	15,419
2. No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books	....	4,320	
3. Rateable Value	....	....	£239,497
4. Sum represented by a penny rate	....	....	£364

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

		MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	....	130	104	234
Legitimate	....	122	98	220
Illegitimate	....	8	6	14
Still Births	....	3	4	7
Legitimate	....	3	4	7
Illegitimate	....	—	—	—

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

		MALE	FEMALE
Total	2
Legitimate	2
Illegitimate	—

The number of births registered being 234 gives a corrected birth-rate of 19.0 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 18.2 for England and Wales. 2 infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 8.5 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 20.9.

TABLE 3—Vital Statistics
CAUSES OF DEATH

		MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	....	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	....	—	—
Syphilitic disease	....	—	—
Diphtheria	....	—	—
Whooping Cough	....	—	—
Meningo-coccal infection	....	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	....	—	—
Measles	....	—	—
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	....	—	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	....	4	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus	....	5	—
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	....	—	5
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	....	—	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	....	5	8
Leukaemia	....	1	1
Diabetes	....	—	—
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	....	15	16
Coronary Disease, Angina	....	19	10
Hypertension with Heart Disease	....	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	....	10	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	....	2	4
Influenza	....	—	—
Pneumonia	....	6	4
Bronchitis	....	5	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	....	—	—
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	....	2	—
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	....	1	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	....	—	3
Hyperplasia of Prostate	....	—	—
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	....	—	—
Congenital malformations	....	—	—
Other defined or ill-defined diseases	....	4	5
Motor vehicle accidents	....	2	1
All other accidents	....	1	1
Suicide	....	—	—
Homicide and operations of war	....	—	—
ALL CAUSES	....	83	69

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 152 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of 13.5 per 1,000 of population compared to 12.2 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1963
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5	10—	15—	25—	35—	45—	65—	Age Unknown
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	117	2	15	18	—	—	8	11	63	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningo-coccal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

Eight new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year and one of non-respiratory tuberculosis.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1963.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

Immunisation against Diphtheria	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	35	99	6	140
Immunisation against Whooping Cough	0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL	
Completed	137	5	142	
Vaccination (Smallpox)	PRIMARY	RE-VACCINATION		
	53	7		
Poliomyelitis Vaccination	PRIMARY	REINFORCING		
	224	188		

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following:—

Domestic Help Service	Home Nursing
Prevention of illness: Care and After Care	Health Visiting
Ambulance Service	Midwifery
Vaccination and Immunization	Care of Mothers and Young Children.

3. Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough. (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 — Section 47.

No procedure has been taken during the year.

SKELTON & BROTTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

*To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton & Brotton Urban District Council.*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report to the Council for the year 1963.

Further progress was made with slum clearance during the year. A total of 39 houses were demolished. A report on the future of Lingdale houses was prepared—details are set out in the following pages.

There was a further increase in meat inspection work during the year. Occupiers of slaughterhouses are now charged for this work.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, and to my assistant, Mr. R. M. Chalmers, to my clerk and to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

Certain information in the report relating to Council housing, sewerage and improvement grants has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below:—

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses	1240
Conversions	59
Slaughterhouses	1645
Factories	8
Food Premises	26
Water Supplies	39
Drainage and Sewerage	197
Pests	87
Infectious Diseases	29
Miscellaneous	419
 TOTAL	3749

Daily routine work on meat inspection again showed an increase. This work has more than doubled over the last three years.

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows:

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	4331
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	—
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs	20

Eleven samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Boosbeck	1	1	—
Brotton	2	2	—
Lingdale	2	2	—
New Skelton	1	1	—
North Skelton	1	1	—
Skelton	2	2	—
Skelton Green	2	2	—

New mains were laid for new housing development in Coach Road, Brotton, Marske Lane, Skelton, and Waveney Road, Skelton.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

With the exception of outlying houses and farms and the village of Moorsholm, the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. Sewage disposal works owned by the Council receive the sewage from the village of Moorsholm. These works are inadequate and a scheme to provide a new sewage disposal works is under active consideration.

Sewers laid during 1963 were:—

New sewers laid	6 in. — 96 yards.
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CLOSET CONVERSIONS

Many outlying farms and cottages are still served by pan closets but the Council has no power to require their conversion where public sewers are not available.

TABLE 9

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	....	....	6
Number of conversions carried out by Council	....	....	6
Number of conversions carried out in connection with Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	....	....	8
Number of pan closets remaining	....	....	3

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 640 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1964, the cost of the service was estimated at £8,090. Other details relating to this service were:—

Total mileage of vehicles	....	....	16,058
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	....	....	2,971
Approximate weight of refuse	....	....	5,942
Trade refuse collected—Loads	....	....	17
Bins	....	....	2,425

FACTORIES

Tables 10 and 11 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced	14	8	—	—
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	25	—	—	—
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced	13	—	—	—
TOTALS	52	8	—	—

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

HOUSING

Thirty-nine houses were demolished during the year.

A survey was made of Lingdale houses. Most of them were built between 70 and over 100 years ago. In many cases the fabric is poor, there is evidence of serious rising dampness and the accommodation and layout are such that substantial repairs are not worthwhile. So as to provide a guide to the Council when considering future policy we reported on the estimated life of all existing houses in the village as follows:—

Houses with estimated life of over	25 years	....	....	200
„ „ „ „ „ „	15-20 years	....	....	90
„ „ „ „ „ „	10-15 years	....	....	192
„ „ „ „ „ „	5-10 years ....	....	....	5
„ „ „ „ „ „	less than 5 years	....	....	7

TABLE 12

Housing Appendix—Statistics

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	....	....	707
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	831
2. (a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	....	....	0
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	....	....	0
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation			17
4. Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	....	....	27

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	14
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Housing Statistics—*continued*

3.	<i>Action under Statutory Powers during the year</i>				
A.	Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs				0
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices				
(a)	By Owners				0
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners				0
B.	Proceedings under Public Health Acts				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied				10
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices				
(a)	By Owners				8
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners				0
C.	Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957				
(1)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made				6
(2)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders				13
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing orders				3
(4)	No. of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit				0
D.	Clearance Areas				
(1)	Number of houses included in Clearance Areas				0
(2)	Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders				0
(3)	Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished				26
(4)	Number of persons displaced				66
(5)	Number of families displaced				20
4.	<i>Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding</i>				
(1)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year				Not known
(2)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year				1

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made		26
Number of Improvement Grants refused		—
Number of Standard Grants made		23

Rent Act, 1957

Two visits were made to houses in connection with the Rent Act, 1957.

TABLE 13

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	....	—
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	....	—
Number of Undertakings Accepted	....	—
Number of Applications for Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	....	1
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects issued		1
Number of Applications for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	....	—
Number of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled	....	—
Number of Refusals to cancel Certificates of Disrepair		—

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	....	13
Number of private houses erected during year	....	45

Council Housing

The Council own 667 houses and 6 shops as follows:—

	Houses	Shops
Skelton	229	1
Brotton	270	5
Boosbeck	108	—
Lingdale	60	—
	—	—
Total	667	6
	—	—

Re-housing

No. of families re-housed during year	....	70
No. of housing applicants as at 31st December, 1963		330

Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required		Number of applicants
Bungalows	....	123
Houses—		
Skelton	....	102
Lingdale	....	12
Boosbeck	....	5
Brotton	....	34
Hollybush	....	4
More than one estate		50
	—	
	330	
	—	

FOOD

General

There are 152 food premises in the area, and 85 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows:—

Public Houses	....	....	20
Off-Licence Premises	....	....	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes)	....	....	10
Fish and Chip Shops	....	....	16
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers			88
Bakehouses	....	....	5
Ice Cream Retailers	....	....	59
Butchers	....	....	15
Greengrocers	....	....	1
Cafes and Canteens	....	....	2

26 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council is responsible for milk registrations as shown in Table 14, and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 14
Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Samples of "Pasteurised" milks taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are now four private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. Two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area showed another increase—13,396 as compared with 12,975 in 1962 and 9,345 in 1961. One thousand six hundred and forty-five visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday and evening visits. In addition, twenty-eight visits were made to slaughterhouses outside the area under arrangements with Saltburn and Marske U.D.C. and Loftus U.D.C.

Charges are now made for meat inspection work. The income to the Council is now running at the rate of around £500 a year.

There are 14 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

TABLE 16
Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1977	288	25	8571	2535	—
Number inspected	1977	288	25	8571	2535	—
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	—	2	2	1	2	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	74	23	—	30	44	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with dis- ease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	3.23%	8.68%	8%	.36%	1.81%	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	31	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1.26%	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	25	3	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	25	3	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Other Foods Condemned	lbs.	ozs.
Boneless Ham	33	10
Beef	4	0
Pork Shoulder	9	11
Ox Tongues	6	0
Total	53	5

TABLE 17
FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1963

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS			COWS			SHEEP			PIGS		TOTAL lb.
	Carcase 1lb.	Offal 1lb.	Carcase 1lb.									
Actino Bacillosis	—	60	—	35	—	—	—	—	—	—	95
C. Bovis	—	550	—	37	—	—	—	—	—	587
Abcesses	—	350	—	68	—	—	7	—	—	425
Telangiectasis	—	14	—	70	—	—	—	—	—	84
Milk Spots	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	90
Bruising and Injuries	—	—	—	—	—	—	140	—	—	140
Parasites	—	282	—	21	—	96	—	39	—	438
Septicaemia	—	—	470	—	—	—	119	—	—	589
Bacterial Necrosis	—	—	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	42
Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	559	—	559
Angioma	—	30	—	54	—	—	—	—	—	84
Peritonitis	—	—	160	—	—	—	—	—	—	160
Emaciation	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	30
Carcinoma	—	—	—	440	—	—	—	—	—	440
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	10
TOTAL	—	1328	1070	295	30	96	825	129	3773	3773
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration			12,436	—	1756	—	—	—	—	—	—	14,192

All food was voluntarily surrendered and, after being coloured with acid green dye, was mostly disposed of to the Council's refuse tip.

Adulteration

Sampling of food, etc., for this purpose is undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Office and the District Inspector has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act in the Urban District during 1963.

Apple and Strawberry Jam	....	1
Butter	....	1
Curds	....	1
Dripping	....	1
Ground Ginger	....	1
Ground Nutmegs	....	1
Instant Coffee	....	2
Lard	....	1
Lemon Curd	....	1
Lemon Juice	....	1
Margarine	....	1
Milk	....	22
Orange Squash	....	1
Rice	....	1
	—	—
Total	....	36
	—	—

All samples taken were reported to be genuine and no proceedings were instituted.

CLEAN AIR

No complaint of smoke nuisance was received during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The Rodent Operator appointed jointly by Loftus U.D.C. and Skelton and Brotton U.D.C. has continued his duties in the two areas, and the arrangement has worked satisfactorily. The Council's sewers were treated three times and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1963. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

Details of work done are set out below.

			Inspections	Treatments
Domestic Premises	....	....	28	43
Business Premises	....	....	6	11
Allotments	....	....	—	4
Farms	....	....	25	19
Council Tips and Buildings	....	....	4	7
Sewers	....	....	—	3
Building Sites	....	....	—	—
Schools	....	....	—	6

DISINFESTATIONS

One infestation was dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are ten licensed sites in the area, although six of these relate to individual caravans.

117 visits were made to sites during the year.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

